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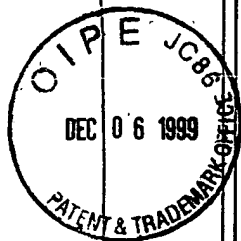
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 6 October 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, please delete lines 14-20 and substitute therefor

-- Xaa₁-Xaa₁-Xaa₁-Xaa₁-Xaa₁-Xaa₁-Cys-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₃-Cys-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₄-Cys-Cys-Xaa₅-Xaa₆-Xaa₇-Xaa₈-Cys-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₂-Xaa₃-Xaa₃-Xaa₃-Cys-Xaa₉-Xaa₉-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀-Xaa₁₀ (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein Xaa₁ is des-Xaa₁ or any amino acid; Xaa₂ is any amino acid; Xaa₃ is des-Xaa₃ or any amino acid; Xaa₄ is Glu, γ-Glu (γ-carboxyglutamic acid; also referred to as Gla) or Gln; Xaa₅ is any amino acid; Xaa₆ is any amino acid; Xaa₇ is any amino acid; Xaa₈ is des-Xaa₈ or any amino acid; Xaa₉ is des-Xaa₉ or any amino acid; and Xaa₁₀ is des-Xaa₁₀ or any amino acid, with the provisos that (a) when all Xaa₁₀ are des-Xaa₁₀, then both Xaa₉ are des-Xaa₉ or any amino acid and (b) when all Xaa₁ are des-Xaa₁, then Xaa₅-Xaa₆-Xaa₇-Xaa₈- is not Ser-Asp-Asn. --

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